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| <i>Application Number</i> | 09/625,202 |
| <i>Filing Date</i> | July 21, 2000 |
| <i>First Named Inventor</i> | Natividade Albert LOBO |
| <i>Art Unit</i> | 2683 |
| <i>Examiner Name</i> | Brandon J. Miller |
| <i>Attorney Docket Number</i> | 367.38797X00 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

ii Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

iii Other _____

b. Enclosed

i Amendment/Reply

ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

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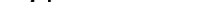
iii Other _____

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| Name (Print/Type) | Donald E. Stout | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 26,422 |
| Signature |  | Date | September 24, 2004 |

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$770.00)**Complete if Known**

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)
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| Deposit Account Name | Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP |

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity | Small Entity | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | Utility filing fee |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | Design filing fee |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | Plant filing fee |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | Reissue filing fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | Provisional filing fee |

SUBTOTAL (1)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

| Fee from Extra Claims below | | | | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|---|----------|
| Total Claims | -20** = | x | = | |
| Indep. Claims | -3** = | x | = | |
| Multiple Dependent | | | = | |

Large Entity **Small Entity**

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description |
|---------------|---------------|--|
| 1202 | 18 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 | 86 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) \$

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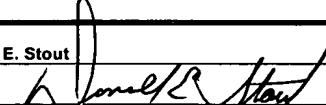
3. ADDITIONAL FEES**Large Entity** **Small Entity**

| Fee Code (\$) | Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|---------------|---------------|---|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | Surcharge – late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examination action | |
| 1805 | 1,840 | 1,840*Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 110 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 420 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 950 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,480 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 330 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 330 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 290 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 Petition to revive – unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 Petition to revive – unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 Plant issue fee | |
| 1406 | 130 | 1460 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 770 | 2809 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 770 | 2810 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)**SUBMITTED BY****Complete (if applicable)**

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| Signature |  | | | Date | 09/24/2004 |

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